



# The Southern Reporter

## Law Library Welcomes ABA Site Evaluation Team

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An American Bar Association Site Evaluation Team will visit Southern University Law Center Sunday, March 9 through Wednesday, March 12. The purpose of the visit is to review the law center's curriculum, facilities, and services.

During the visit, team members will be speaking with faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

The members of the team are:

- Dean Thomas F. Guernsey, Chairman of Team, Albany Law School
- Fred Parker, North Carolina Board of Bar Examiners
- Dean Elizabeth Parker, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific
- Associate Dean William James, Villanova School of Law
- Dr. Brian Foster, University of Missouri-Columbia
- Professor Pamela Edwards, City University of New York School of Law.



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### Frequently Asked Questions

**I have a word I need to look up, but I need a "regular" dictionary, not a legal dictionary. Where can I find a "regular" dictionary?**

Non-legal dictionaries are available throughout the library. They can be found at the Circulation Desk and in the Ready Reference Section of the Federal Reading Room.

Dictionaries for specific legal areas are also available in the law library. These include medical, family law, intellectual property and elder care.

## Research Assistant Positions Available in the Law Library

Within the next month, applications will be taken for students interested in working in the law library.

Students will turn résumés in to Adrienne Shields, Reference Librarian, and schedule an interview. During the interview, students must demonstrate a knowledge of the library and its rules and an aptitude for conducting legal research.

Students will be hired to work in different areas of the library. These areas include reference, the computer lab, the security desk and the circulation desk.

Students usually work 16 hours per week. Most work either a weekday shift or a weekend shift. However,

there may be a combination of the two schedules.

According to Shelly Alexander, 2L, working in the law library has been a rewarding experience. "Working in the law library has enabled me to sharpen my legal research skills because you get to know where things are located in the library by shelving books and helping point students in the right direction. It has also helped with my studies because after we do our assigned duties, we can study," Alexander said.

Other benefits to working in the law library include a casual atmosphere and not having to leave the law



Research Assistants Shelly Alexander and Tyrone Beshears place pocket parts in books.

center to go to work.

If you have any questions about working in the law library, please see Shields, or Ruth Hill, Director of Library Services, for more information.

## Law Library Prepares to Celebrate National Library Week



The Law Library is preparing to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of National Library Week.

The Law Library is gearing up once again to celebrate National Library Week. This year National Library Week is April 13-19. It is the 50th Anniversary of National Library Week. The theme is "Join the Circle of Knowledge @ Your Library."

Events planned for the Law Library's commemoration of National Library week are:

- **Monday, April 14: Westlaw Certification Training, Noon and 5 PM**
- **Monday, April 14: Free Copy Day, 5-8 PM:** Come to the library and make free

prints from the Pharos printers.

- **Tuesday, April 15: Legal Research Review for Summer Associates, Noon**
- **Tuesday, April 15: National Library Workers Day**—Take the time to thank the library staff for all they do each school year.
- **Wednesday, April 16: "Legal Research in the Law Firm Environment", Noon:** Guest Speaker: Denise M. Uzee, Librarian, Kean, Miller, Hawthorne, D'Armond,

McCowan & Jarman, LLP, Baton Rouge.

- **Wednesday, April 16: Westlaw Certification Training, Noon and 5 PM**
- **Thursday, April 17: LexisNexis Certification Training, Noon**
- **Friday, April 18: Free Copy Day, Noon—3 PM:** One last chance to make free prints from the Pharos printers.

If you have questions about this year's events, see a library staff person.



Participants in the ground breaking for the expansion of Southern University Law Center. From left: *SU System President Ralph Slaughter, Jerry Campbell, AIA, project architect, SU Board of Supervisors Chairman Myron Lawson, SU Board of Supervisors Vice Chair Lea Polk-Montgomery, Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr., and Keith Williams of Quadrants Construction Co. of Baton Rouge.*

## Ground Breaking Ceremony Held for Law Center Expansion

On February 20, 2008, the Southern University Law Center held a ground breaking ceremony for its \$4.1 million expansion.

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher, Jr. and Chancellor Emeritus B.K. Agnihotri spoke to an audience of alumni, faculty, staff and students about the expansion. Also in attendance for this spe-

cial occasion were members of the Southern University System and Southern University Baton Rouge Campus administration.

The expansion will be the first upgrade to A.A. Lenoir Hall, the Law Center building, since 1994. This upgrade will be a two-story, 16,646 square-foot wing, housing three additional classrooms, five seminar

rooms, expanded space for the law library stacks, three restrooms, and a faculty lounge. Once completed, the law center will be a total of 101,646 square feet. The completion date for the construction is March 2009.

A reception, held in the Law Center's atrium, followed the ceremony.

## Quick Reference—Shepardizing

*Many different types of sources can be Shepardized. Shepard's Citators are located in the Federal Reading Room and the Louisiana Reading Room, which has citators specifically for Louisiana.*

Citators show how and when a legal source (case, statute, regulation, secondary source) has been cited. They also show how an unrelated source treated the source you are Shepardizing. In a nutshell, citators let you know if the source you are citing is still "good law."

When you are Shepardizing, you

need a complete citation for the source to find that citation in the appropriate volume of Shepard's. You will also need "What Your Library Should Contain," found on any updating pamphlets to let you know which bound volumes and subsequent supplements should be available for you to thoroughly complete your re-

search. Once you find your citation, you must interpret the entries. To assist you, in the prefatory material to Shepard's, are the notation abbreviations and what they mean. This will help you determine if your source is still valid. If you need assistance using Shepard's, see a Reference Librarian.

## Staff News

- Ruth J. Hill, Director of Library Services and Associate Professor of Law, was announced as a member of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Executive Board in the February 2008 issue of AALL Spectrum. Hill serves as AALL's secretary.
- Claudette Smith-Brown, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Library Services, presented her paper, "The Mission and the Movement: Empowering the Freed Negro to Gain His Equality," at the Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc. (SCAASI), in Atlanta, on February 7.
- Harold W. Isadore, Senior Reference Librarian, and Marie Louis, Cataloging Librarian, spoke to prospective students about the law library and law librarianship at the Law Center's 15th Annual Pre-Law Day on February 13.



Marie Louis and Harold Isadore speak to a prospective law student at Pre-Law Day.

## Additions to the Collection

- Michael Nelson, John Lyman Mason, and Theodore J. Lowi, *How the South Joined the Gambling Nation: The Politics of State Policy Innovation*
- A. Insam, *Suspicion of Money Laundering*
- Phil Fennell, *Mental Health*
- Jose' Miola, *Medical Ethics and Medical Law: A Symbiotic Relationship*
- Marcus Mabry, *Twice As Good: Condoleezza Rice and Her Path to Power*
- Henry Louis Gates and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, *The African American National Biography*
- George Poulakis, *Our Knowledge of the Law*
- Jeffery Brandon Morris and William H. Webster, *Establishing Justice in Middle America: A History of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit*
- Jan Crawford Greenburg, *Supreme Conflict: The Inside Story of the Struggle for Control of the United States Supreme Court*
- James F. Simon, *Lincoln and Chief Justice Taney: Slavery, Secession, and the President's War Powers*
- Catherine Barnard, *What About Law?*

**These new titles are available in the library's collection. Use the online catalog to find their locations.**

## Articles of Interest

- A. Brook Overby, *Mortgage Foreclosure in Post-Katrina New Orleans*, 48 Boston College Law Review 851 (2007)
- Dan Hammer, *Allowing Genocide?: An Analysis of Armed Activities on the Territory of the Congo, Jurisdictional Reservations, and the Legitimacy of the International Court of Justice*, 16 Minnesota Journal of International Law 495 (2007)
- Richard V. Blystone, *School Speech v. School Safety: In the Aftermath of Violence on School Campuses Throughout This Nation, How Should School Officials Respond to Threatening Student Expression?*, 2007 Brigham Young University Education and Law Journal 199 (2007)
- N.J. Schweitzer and Michael J. Saks, *The CSI Effect: Popular Fiction About Forensic Science Affects the Public's Expectations About Forensic Science*, 47 Jurimetrics Journal 357 (2007)
- Andrea L. Dennis, *Poetic (In)Justice? Rap Lyrics as Art, Life and Criminal Evidence*, 31 Columbia Journal of Law and the Arts 1 (2007).



**These articles of interest can be found in the East Stacks on the third and fourth floors or on HeinOnline.**

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## ***Easter Holiday Hours***

*The library will be closed Friday, March 21, and Sunday, March 23, 2008, in observance of the Easter holiday. The library will reopen on Monday, March 24, 2008, at 7 AM.*

*We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday!*



## ***Library Schedule and Reference Hours***

### ***Library Schedule***

*Monday—Thursday  
7 AM—Midnight*

*Friday  
7 AM—5 PM*

*Saturday  
9 AM—5 PM*

*Sunday  
2 PM—10 PM*

### ***Reference Hours***

*Monday—Thursday  
7:30 AM—10 PM*

*Friday  
7:30 AM—4:30 PM*

*Sunday  
2 PM—10 PM*

## ***Final Exam Preparation Schedule***

*April 25—May 8  
Monday—Thursday  
7 AM—Midnight*

*Friday  
7 AM—10 PM*

*Saturday  
9 AM—10 PM*

*Sunday  
Noon—10 PM*

*Friday, May 9  
7 AM—5 PM*

***Good Luck on Your Final Exams!!!***